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EXAMINING GROUP 2123**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION OF  
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Dear Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action of July 6, 2005, to further highlight why the application is in condition for allowance.